

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael McCarty S11049

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State of Alabama Jefferson County: SS

Personally appeared in open Court this 12th day of May 1835 before the Honorable Samuel Chapman Judge of the Seventh judicial Circuit of said State now in Session for the County of aforesaid Michael McCarty a resident citizen of said County & State aged eighty one years on the 16th day of February last, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. States that he entered into the service of his Country as a private in the mounted militia of South Carolina, was attached to the company commanded by Capt. Michael Watson & Lieut. Butler of Col. Stark's [perhaps Lt. Col. Robert Stark's Fairfield Militia] Regiment, in the spring of 1777 & included in the Brigade of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson]. He declares that from the above period he was to the close of the revolutionary struggle in South Carolina pretty constantly engaged as one of a company of scouts in marching over the Country to keep under the marauding bands of Tories & small detachments of British soldiers, that infested & annoyed the true Whigs of that part of Carolina known as Edgefield District; until he was ordered with his company to join the troops that had Col. Cruger [John Harris Cruger] hemmed up in the Garrison at Ninety Six,¹ where he remained until Lord Rawdon marched to Cruger's relief & our troops compelled [to retreat][;] shortly after this event as well as he can now remember, he was marched down with other troops of Carolina to Augusta at the time that place was occupied by the British & Tories: to watch their movements & to protect the Country as much [as] possible from their pillage & depredations; where he remained until the British & their allies retreated from thence; when he was taken sick in Camp & ordered to retire, whilst his Company continued with our troops in pursuing the retreating British in the direction of Stono,² in which pursuit his Capt. & Lieut., as well as he now remembers, were both killed. As soon as the declarant's health was sufficiently restored he again joined the service as a Scout under the command of Capt. Turner [Sterling Turner] & was engaged in keeping as much as possible the Tories in awe, that had been & were at that time headed by Col. Young & one Major Neely in Edgefield, in this service he continued until about June 1781. He further states now from the best of his recollection (which he [indecipherable words] is greatly impaired by old age and consequent infirmity) that he served actively &

¹ The Siege of 96 occurred in May-June 1781.

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

² If this is intended by the applicant to be a referenced to the Battle of Stono Ferry, it occurred on June 20, 1779.

faithfully in the defense & preservation of his Country during all the different services, together at the least two & a half years if not more for which he has never received the least compensation. Although long in service, he was never in any regularly fought battles but in numerous skirmishes with small detachments of British & Tory pillage parties. He further states that he never obtained any discharge of any kind, nor has he any documentary evidence of any kind showing the services, rendered by him, nor does he now know of any person living by whom he can prove the same. He was born in Edgefield district in the State of South Carolina on the 16th of February 1754 as he was informed; where he lived when the foregoing services were rendered & there continued to live until the autumn of 1827 when he removed to the County and State first above mentioned; & where he now lives. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ H. Morrow, Jr., Clerk

S/ Michael McCarty, X his mark

[Baylis E. Grace and William Robertson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The following interrogatories were this day propounded by the Honorable Samuel Chapman Judge of Circuit Court of Jefferson County Alabama to Michael McCarty an applicant for a pension

1st In what year were you born?

Ans: In the year 1754

2nd Have you any record of your age, if so where is it?

Ans: I have none

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I then lived in Edgefield District South Carolina & there remained until the autumn of 1827 when I removed to Jefferson County Alabama where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: [no answer recorded]

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I do not recollect any others sufficiently distinctly to say anything with certainty, except those mentioned in the body of this application, with whom I served.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I never received any at all that I can now remember of

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: I am acquainted with Baylis E. Grace, William Robertson &c.

[p 24: Certificate dated July 21, 1840 from the South Carolina Comptroller General's Office

indicating that and indent was issued to Michael McCarty for 44 pounds Sterling for militia service in Colonel D. Hopkins' Regiment comprising 143 pounds for 286 days militia service from November 1, 1780, to August 30, 1781; and 165 pounds for 330 days service from September 11, 1781 to September 8, 1782 equaling a total of 308 pounds South Carolina currency or 44 pounds Sterling.]

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Amended Declaration

State of Alabama Jefferson County

On this the 5th day of August [1840] personally appeared in open Court it being the regular term of the County Court for the County and State aforesaid Michael McCarty a resident citizen of the County of Jefferson & State of Alabama aged eighty-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amended declaration to that made at the last Term of the Circuit Court held for the County & State aforesaid in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the Army of the United States under the command of Capt. Michael Watson that the Lieut. was James Butler but in what year he is unable from defect of memory to state. That he served in a Regiment of South Carolina militia commanded by Col. Hammonds [sic, Leroy Hammond] whose given name he cannot remember and that General Williamson was the commanding officer. That under these officers he served at a place called Wilson's field in Edgefield District in the State of South Carolina at one time as much as a three months. That he was also in service opposite Augusta in the State of South Carolina about one month whilst the British forces were in possession of that place and that upon their retreat to Savannah he was in consequence of sickness discharged & went home. That he was frequently out on scouting parties against the Tories sometimes for three weeks sometimes more and sometimes less during the greater part of the war but that by reason of his old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service otherwise than as above stated. He is however satisfied that the whole time of his service putting it all together was not less than two years during which time he served as a common soldier. This Declarant further states that he was induced from his infirmities and impoverished condition to make an application for a pension in the year 1835, and that from his necessity from age and his ignorance of the necessary steps to be taken in order to enable him to obtain a pension he was necessarily compelled to confide the business to those as he supposed better informed, that they from time to time assured him that they expected an answer and that finally he was informed that nothing could be obtained. That he rested satisfied for some time with that answer, until upon further inquiry he was induced to believe that his claim had not been properly presented to the Department and that if so presented he would obtain what he honestly believes he is entitled to from the service rendered his Country in its hour of peril.

He hereby again relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court.

Attest: S/ B. E. Grace, Clk

S/ Michael McCarty, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$68.33 per annum for service as a private for one year, 8 months and 15 days in the South Carolina militia.]